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AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA

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EO 11652: NA

TAGS: PFOR

SUBJECT: SURFACE SHIPPING OFFLOAD SCHEDULE

REF: STATE 006767

1. IN ABSENCE SPECIFICS OF CARGO (S) TO BE OFF-  
LOADED AT ALEXANDRIA, IT IS DIFFICULT TO GIVE DETAILED  
ESTIMATES OF THROUGHPUT TIMES. ALTHOUGH ALEXANDRIA  
PORT HAS DURING PAST YEAR BEEN HEAVILY CONGESTED WITH  
RESULTANT LONG DELAYS IN ASSIGNING BERTHS AND OFFLOADING,  
SITUATION HAS OF LATE IMPROVED CONSIDERABLE. DEPT  
ATTENTION INVITED TO ALEXANDRIA 0003 (NOTAL) FOR MOST  
RECENT READING ON GROUND.

2. CONGEN ALEXANDRIA ESTIMATES THAT, WITH GOE  
GRANTING PRIORITY, MOST ROUTINE CARGOS CAN PROBABLY  
BE OFFLOADED IN ABOUT FIVE DAYS TIME. LASH VESSELS  
(PRUDENTIAL LINES) CAN BE DISCHARGED ONTO BARGES  
IN FIVE OR SIX HOURS, BUT ONLY TWO BARGES CAN BE  
OFFLOADED AT A TIME AND IT MAY TAKE UP TO TWO DAYS TO  
UNLOAD A SINGLE BARGE. SO FAR AS REGULAR SHIPS ARE  
CONCERNED, OFFLOADING TIME DEPENDS ON WHEN SHIP CAN  
GET BERTH. THIS HAS VARIED WIDELY IN PAST YEAR, RANGING  
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FROM IMMEDIATELY TO A WEEK OR MORE.

3. SHIPMENTS OF LUMBER USUALLY TAKE A BIT LONGER, SINCE THERE IS A SPECIAL QUAY FOR THIS. WITH FOOD AND GRAINS THERE HAS HARDLY BEEN ANY DELAY. GENERAL CARGO, IF OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO GOE, IS USUALLY DISCHARGED IN A FEW DAYS. MUCH, OF COURSE, DEPENDS UPON CAPACITY OF SHIP'S CRANES.

4. IN VIEW URGENCY, WE WOULD PROPOSE TO ASK EGYPTIANS TO ACCORD PRIORITY TO SINAI II TEAM SHIPMENTS. BASED ON WHAT GENERAL GAMASY HAS PREVIOUSLY TOLD US, WE BELIEVE MILITARY PRIORITY CAN NORMALLY BE ARRANGED AND, DEPENDING UPON OTHER MILITARY CARGO BEING DISCHARGED, SPECIAL MILITARY BERTHS MIGHT BE REQUESTED TO EXPEDITE OFFLOADING.

5. THROUGHPUT, AS MEASURED IN REMOVAL OF FREIGHT FROM QUAYSIDE, IS OF COURSE A FUNCTION OF HOW QUICKLY GROUP'S ORGANIC TRANSPORT CAN HAUL MATERIAL TO DESTINATIONS. IF ORGANIC TRANSPORT NOT AVAILABLE, TRUCKS WILL HAVE TO BE RENTED. THIS SHOULD BE ARRANGED WITH AS MUCH LEAD TIME AS POSSIBLE TO AVOID DELAYS AND DEMURRAGE CHARGES.  
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